

February 14, 2023

By the Infectious Disease law, the category will be lowered from Category 2 to Category 5 on May 8, 2023. This guideline is also being adjusted to continue to be eased in the future. Final decision would be made based on the notification from Japanese Novel Coronavirus Response Headquarters and Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

To all staff members and students

Director, Task Force on Prevention of Infection
Spread of Novel Coronavirus

University Response to COVID-19 after April 1, 2023

Notice

1. Prevention of Infection Spread (Updated since last notice)

Please keep it in mind that everyone tries to stay safe. Also try to protect yourself from infection. In Aichi Prefecture, caution with "Guidelines for Prevention Measures of Infection Spread of Novel Coronavirus", try to establish "new lifestyle" indicated by the government, please follow below;

-Avoid "Three Cs",

- 1) Closed spaces with poor ventilation,
- 2) Crowded places with many people nearby, and
- 3) Close contact settings such as close-range conversations.

-Avoid "Five situations" where risk of infection is increased,

- 1) Social gatherings and others with alcohol, 2) Drinking and eating with a large number of people for a long time, 3) Conversations without wearing a mask, 4) Living together in a tiny space, 5) Changing a place to stay.

as well as keep continuing basic infection prevention measures such as wearing masks (non-woven masks are recommended), hands and fingers disinfection, and effective ventilation.

(Prevention of Infection Spread of Novel Coronavirus Guidelines)

https://www-pref-aichi-jp.translate.goog/site/covid19-aichi/list607-1497.html?_x_tr_sl=ja&_x_tr_tl=en&_x_tr_hl=ja

(New Lifestyle)

<https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/en.newlifestyle.pdf>

2. About Holding Events (Continued since last notice)

-Holding an event or others will be permitted as long as "Guidelines for Prevention Measures of Infection Spread of Novel Coronavirus set by Aichi prefecture" is observed. However, in case of the expansion of infection, the cancellation would be requested.

-In case of holding an event, basic measures to prevent infection should be thoroughly

implemented.

3. Education/Research Activity (Updated since last notice)

Based on the notification of “Implementation of Education/Research Activity Policy” on February 21, 2023, in principle, classes of the first semester will be implemented as follows;

Lecture/Experiment/Practical Work/Exercise	Faculty of Engineering (including Fundamental Engineering Program and Evening Course) and Graduate School	Face to face Style
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※ Besides the above, other lecture style is possible when there are good sufficient effect educationally.

※ Implementation of education/research activity policy for first semester of Academic Year of 2023, notified on February 21, 2023.

https://www.nitech.ac.jp/mt_files/2337afe63be028c8c4edad9fa71025837e410c60.pdf

4. About On-Campus Meetings (Continued since last notice)

-For the time being, in principle, it is recommended to have meetings via “Teams” online and/or via E-mail.

-When having a face to face on-campus meeting, make sure to have appropriate prevention measures of infection spread thoroughly.

5. Restrictions in Usage of Common Facilities (Updated since last notice)

- Lending/renting out lecture rooms and other facilities to non-NITech members

- Restarting lending/renting service.
- For reservation, check sheet about measures for prevention of infection spread must be submitted.

-Lending/renting out Chikusa ground

- Restarting lending/renting out Chikusa ground to non-NITech members.

-Regarding rooms and halls applied by NITech faculty for conferences are managed as follows.

- Conferences are supposed to be organized strictly followed “ Guidelines regarding the Prevention of Infection Spread of Novel Coronavirus set by Aichi prefecture” and observed basic infection prevention measures.
- Lending/renting condition will be reconsidered according to the expansion fo infection.

6. About Work at NITech (Updated since last notice)

- Work as usual, however, for faculty and staff members, working remotely is allowed 10 days per month if conditions are met.

7. About Overseas Travel for Students, Faculty and Staff Members(Updated since last notice)

- Based on the infectious disease risk level of travel destination set by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, regarding overseas travel, travel to countries/regions classified as Level 3 or Level 2 is prohibited.

- However, even though if traveling to countries/regions with infectious disease risk Level 3 or Level 2, it is allowed to travel if conditions are met.

8. Visitors from Abroad (International faculty, Researchers and Students) (Updated since last notice)

-International faculty, researchers, and international students who are newly entering the country will be dealt with based on the policy of the Phased Measures toward Resuming Cross-Border Travel and others.

9. Other visitors out of the campus (Updated since last notice)

- Other visitors out of the campus are allowed to enter the campus after thoroughly implementing infection prevention. However, even if entering the campus, the time to stay at the campus should be minimum.

10. About Extra Curricula Activities (Updated since last notice)

- Regards to extra curricula activities, each group must carry out based on “Activities Plan” which each group plans and creates infection prevention measures for its activities.

11. University Library Service (Updated since last notice)

-Having some infection control, university library opens for service. However, for those who out of the campus is limited to use only for book borrowing and returning, making photo-copies for short time.

- In case quasi-state of emergency or state of emergency are declared, some services will be reduced or closed.

12. About Access to Buildings and Gates (Continued since last notice)

- Regarding the unlocking of the buildings and gates on campus, the ordinary system is sustained.

13. University Hall and Co-op Services (Updated since last notice)

- The service will be provided after thoroughly implementing infection prevention.

- In the future, if quasi-state of emergency or state of emergency are declared, some services will be reduced or closed.

-For more information, please check the bulletin at CO-OP Mart.

14. Infection Prevention Goods (Continued since last notice)

-For faculty and staff members, masks will be available only if it is necessary.

-For Students, it's their responsibilities to prepare for their own masks.

-If there are inevitable meetings, conference, and events are scheduled in actual setting, consult with Safety Management Office for masks and hand sanitizers.

-If staff members need “Face Shield” for their face-to-face duties, contact with Safety

Management Office.

-A hand sanitizer will be available at the building entrance and scheduled lecture rooms for the safety of campus community.

-Please keep it mind to sanitize places where students and faculty often touch in the laboratories by alcohol disinfectant or sodium hypochlorite under the supervision of supervisor. If it is difficult to prepare for such disinfectant, please consult with Safety Management Office.

※About a method of disinfection and eradication of Novel Coronavirus (Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare)

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/syoudoku_00001.html (in Japanese)